

April 6, 2009

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of

Serial No. : 10/810,143  
Title : Optimization Techniques During Processing of Print Jobs  
Applicant : Raymond E. Clark  
Filing Date : March 26, 2004  
Atty Docket : 2003-0126.02  
Examiner : Ebrahimi Dehkordy, Saeid  
Art Unit : 2625

Commissioner for Patents  
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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2009, Applicants submit the following response.

If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of the above-referenced application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required there for (including fees for filing and net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 12-1213.

In the outstanding Office Action, pending claims 1-36 are subject to a restriction requirement. The Office Action identifies Group I as being recited in claims 1-20 and 27-35; Group II as being recited in claims 21-25 and 36; and Group III as being recited in claim 26. In

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response, Applicants elect Group I, corresponding to claims 1-20 and 27-35, for prosecution in the present application, without traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in a condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone or email the undersigned at the numbers provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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